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SUBJ: REPORTING VIOLATIONS, WATCH STATION RECORDS AND MAP
COORDINATES

REF: A. STATE 206450, B. STATE 206456, C. STATE 206457

1. SUMMARY. WE PLEASED PROVIDE FOLLOW UP REPORTS OF INCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS AS REQUESTED (206456). HAVE NOT DONE SO PREVIOUSLY AS OUR PROCEDURES AND RECORD OF INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT INDICATE SUCH REPORTS WERE REGULARLY EXPECTED. RE WATCH STATION RECORDS, THESE DO NOT ALL SHOW THE VIOLATIONS BECAUSE TWO OF THREE JULY INTRUSIONS WERE DETECTED AND IDENTIFIED ONLY BY OBSERVORS, NOT SENSORS. WATCH STATION REPORTS REQUESTED BY SSM JUST COVER SENSOR ACTIVATIONS. THERE ARE INCONSISTENCIES IN 1/50,000 J LINE COORDINATES BUT THESE APPEAR SLIGHTER THAN SUGGESTED (206457). THEY DO NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE THREE JULY VIOLATIONS, WHICH WERE OBSERVED WELL WITHIN BUFFER ZONE. BELIEVE CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN PRESENTING SUCH COMMENTS IN ORDER AVOID CREATING DOUBTS ABOUT CREDIBILITY OF VIOLATION REPORTS. AS INCONSISTENCIES ARE DUE BOTH UNEF ERROR IN MARKING OF J-LINE ON OUR 1/50,000 MAP, AND TO CONTINUING POSSIBILITY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF VERY MINUTE SECTIONS OF MAP, I SUGGEST REPORTING APPROXIMATE COORDINATES OF INTRUSIONS AND VIOLATIONS ON 1/100,000 DMATC WHOSE J LINE LOCATION GENERALLY
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ACCEPTED BY UN AND PARTIES.

2. WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF INTRUSIONS OR VIOLATIONS AS REQUESTED STATE 206456.
A. SUGGEST THAT SSM WRITE GUIDELINES FOR THIS REQUIREMENT INTO P AND P 4.1.5. SO THAT WE WILL BOTH HAVE GOOD RECORD OF REQUIREMENTS. OUR CURRENT REPORTING IS BASED ON SFM INTRUSION/

INCIDENT REPORTING MEMORANDUM OF NOVEMBER 18, 1976 (COPY SSM) AND SINAI 788. OUR MEMO CALLS FOR FOLLOW UP ONLY IF REPORT WAS INCOMPLETE AND SPECIFIED WE "WILL ADVISE" FURTHER (PARA SIX). JULY REPORTS WERE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AS INTRUDERS HAD DEPARTED BUFFER ZONE AND VIOLATION WAS ENDED.

B. WILL SUBMIT SEPARATELY THE AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON JULY VIOLATIONS. SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SFM IS NOT IN POSITION TO REQUIRE, OR VERIFY, ACTION TAKEN BY UN OR PARTIES.

3. FAILURE OF VIOLATIONS TO APPEAR IN WATCH STATION RECORDS DOES NOT MEAN THESE REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE OR INCONSISTENT (STATE 206450). WATCH STATION RECORDS COVER ONLY SENSOR ACTIVATIONS WHEREAS THE VIOLATIONS WERE DETECTED BY WATCH STATION OBSERVERS.

A. WATCH STATIONS MAKE FOUR TYPES OF REPORTS. TTY SPOT REPORTS ARE SENT COMOPS ON ACTIVATION OF SENSORS BY SCHEDULED RECCE FLIGHTS, UN AIRCRAFT, EXPLOSIONS, OR ACTIVITY POSSIBLY CONSTITUTING INTRUSION. LOGS ARE ALSO KEPT OF ALL SENSOR ACTIVATIONS. IN ADDITION, WATCH STATIONS MAKE PERIODIC VISUAL SCANS, AT LEAST ONE EACH HOUR, FROM OBSERVATION DECK. IF NEGATIVE, THIS IS REPORTED BY RADIO; IF POSITIVE, A TTY SCAN REPORT IS SENT. IF OBSERVATION INDICATES A VIOLATION, A TTY INTRUSION REPORT IS SUBMITTED ACCORDING FIXED FORMAT.

B. GROUND INTRUSIONS OF JULY 3 AND 21 WERE DETECTED AND IDENTIFIED BY OPERATORS DURING SCANS. THEY WERE ALONG J LINE
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ON PLATEAU AND DID NOT REGISTER ON SENSORS IN GIDDI PASS. THUS THERE WERE NO TTY SPOT REPORTS AND LOGS DID NOT NOTE THEM. VIOLATION OF JULY 17 WAS REPORTED TO COMOPS IN INTRUSION REPORT BECAUSE OPERATORS FIRST SAW PLANE APPROACHING FROM SOUTH. AS IT PASSED ALMOST OVERHEAD, SENSORS WERE ACTIVATED. THIS ACTIVATION WAS NOTED IN LOG. IT APPEARED IN THE JULY 18 LOG BECAUSE IT HAPPENED AFTER 1700 HOURS ZULU, THE SSM SPECIFIED TERMINATION PERIOD FOR EACH DAY'S LOG.

C. AT REQUEST SSM, WE HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE SUBMITTING SPOT REPORTS AND LOGS WITH SENSOR CHARTS TO PERMIT CROSS CHECK OF EQUIPMENT. MATERIAL IN SCAN AND INTRUSION REPORTS RELATES TO VISUAL OBSERVATIONS RATHER THAN TO SENSORS. AS THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN FOLLOW UP REPORT (PARA TWO ABOVE) DO NOT REALLY SEE NEED DUPLICATE EFFORT BY SUBMISSION THESE RECORDS.

D. WATCH STATION SOP IS COVERED IN P AND P 4.2.2. AND 4.2.3. PLUS TECH NOTES 007 AND 009. COPIES LATTER POUCHED WALKEN IN CASE NOT AVAILABLE AT SSM.

4. INCONSISTENCIES CITED RE SOME OF COORDINATES GIVEN IN JULY 17 AND JULY 21 VIOLATION REPORTS APPEAR DUE IN PART TO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UN COORDINATES FOR BARRELS MARKING J LINE AND THE LINE TRACED BY UNEF ON OUR 1/50,000 MAP (1 DMATC SERIES

P773N SHEETS 5985 III AND 5885 II). COPY OF THIS MAP, WITH UNEF INSCRIBED J LINE, WAS SENT TO SSM. SFM MADE OVERLAY FROM ITS COPY, DREW J LINE ON OTHER 1/50,000 SHEETS, AND SENT THEM TO PARTIES, UNEF AND UNHQ JERUSALEM.

A. WHEN WE QUESTIONED UNEF LATER ABOUT ACCURACY OF J LINE ON OUR 1/50,000 SHEETS, THE SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER WROTE AUGUST 8 THAT WITH FOUR EXCEPTIONS (NOT IN OUR AREA) ALL BARRELS WERE IN CORRECT LOCATION, THAT MAPS UNEF HAD MARKED WERE IN ERROR DUE LIMITED DRAFTING FACILITIES FOR CONVERSION OF A TRACE FROM 1/100,000 TO 1/50,000 MAP, THAT ORIGINAL SWEDISH SURVEY REPORT TO UN FOUND ISRAELI MAPS THE MOST ACCURATE, AND THAT US 1/100,000 COULD DIFFER FROM ISRAELI MAP BY ONE KILOMETER OR MORE.

B. SOME INCONSISTENCIES MAY ALSO ARISE FROM DIFFERENT CONVERSIONS
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OF VERY SMALL INTERVALS ON MAPS (ABOUT ONE-SIXTEENTH INCH) INTO COORDINATES. EXIT COORDINATE FOR JULY 17 PLANE VIOLATION (8215-8375) APPEARS TO US ABOUT 100 METERS INTO LIMITED FORCE ZONE (NOT "WELL WITHIN" IT). EXIT COORDINATE FOR JULY 21 TRUCK VIOLATION (8203-8378) ALSO COULD BE 100 METERS (BUT NOT "300") INSIDE LIMITED FORCE ZONE IN RELATION J-LINE ON OUR MAP. IT IS HOWEVER SAME AS UN BARREL 275 COORDINATE.

C. SUGGEST SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS. DESCREPANCIES NOTED ARE VERY SLIGHT. THESE, AND FUTURE ONES, CAN BE CONSTRUED DIFFERENTLY BY CONSCIENTIOUS PERSONS. WE APPEAR TRYING TO BE MORE EXACT THAN REALITY OF MAPS AND TERRAIN PERMITS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, EXIT COORDINATES DO NOT AFFECT VALIDITY OF OBSERVATION OF PLANE AND OF TRUCKS INSIDE THE BUFFER ZONE. IT DOES NOT SEEM IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST TO MAKE SUCH ISSUE OF THEM AS MIGHT CAUSE OTHERS DOUBTS ABOUT CREDIBILITY OF OUR VIOLATION REPORTS.

D. RE PARA THREE STATE 206457, THERE EXISTS NO MORE "OFFICIAL" MARKING OF J LINE THAN THAT NOW ON OUR 1/50,000 MAP. BECAUSE IT IS NOT EXACT, AS FREELY ADMITTED BY UNEF, I SUGGEST WE REVERT TO USE OF US 1/100,000 MAP AND REPORT APPROXIMATE COORDINATES FOR INTRUSION OR VIOLATION REPORTS. BUFFER ZONE MARKINGS ON THIS MAP ARE ACCEPTED FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. WE WOULD CONTINUE USING 1/50,000 FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES.
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